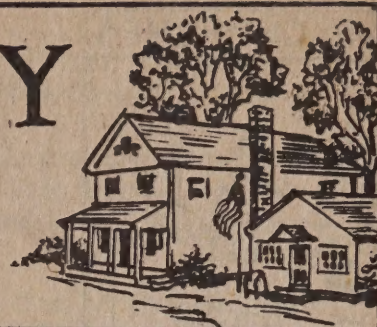


MONTEREY NEWS

APRIL 1982



Town Meeting

The 1982 Town Meeting in Monterey is set for May 1 in the Social Room of the United Church of Christ. Items of note on the Warrant are as follows:

The Selectmen recommend the conversion of the present landfill operation to a compaction and removal process by a company called Berkshire Clean Way Rubbish Removal. For a five-year contract with the company the annual cost will be \$27,000.

There is an appropriation of \$17,401 for the purchase of a 1982 one-ton truck with a rack dump body to replace a failing vehicle belonging to the Highway Department.

The Highway Appropriation item will look different this year, items kept separate in previous years being combined into one on this year's warrant. Total appropriation this year will be \$70,526 as opposed to last year's \$24,000. Although the amounts seem vastly different, the difference is actually in bookkeeping, as will be explained at Town Meeting.

There is a \$75 appropriation to collect and print the Town By-Laws as well as a proposed amendment to the Regulation of Motor Boats and Swimming in town lakes.

A resolution concerning a nuclear arms freeze will be submitted.

Nominations for town office are as follows: Incumbents nominated by both parties:

Selectman, Jed Lipsky; Board of Appeals, Georgiana O'Connell; Auditor, John F. Jefferson; Town Clerk, Suzanne MacIver; Cemetery Commissioner, John A. Ryder; Finance Committee, W. Raymond Ward; Library Trustees, Robert Ensign and Deborah Mielke; Planning Board Member, Arthur Hastedt.

Contests: Moderator, Robert Rodgers, R., and Eugene O'Connell, D.; Assessor, John D. O'Connor, R., and William E. Mielke, D.; Finance Committee, Nicholas Wool, R., and Michelle Miller, D.; Parks Commission, Frances Amidon, R., and Bonner McAllester, D.; Tree Warden, Daniel Whitbeck, R., and Roger Tryon, D.

Update on Radioactive Materials Transport

On Tuesday, April 13, shortly after we at the Monterey News had been assured by the State Office of Radiation Control that no trucks carrying radioactive materials should be traveling through Monterey, our friend Bob Johnson mentioned having seen at about 9AM that same day a P.I.E. tractor-trailer rig heading west through town bearing a black, white and yellow placard saying "RADIOACTIVE."

It was arranged that on Friday afternoon, April 16, Robert Hallisey, Director of Radiation Control for the State Department of Public Health, would make a brief appearance in Monterey on his way to a weekend in Poughkeepsie. About 30 citizens, including a contingent from New Marlborough, gathered to hear Hallisey respond to a series of questions to which friends of and reporters for the Monterey News had found contradictory and alarming answers.

Hallisey affirmed that his office has no record of recent radioactive transport through Monterey. However his office only records transport of materials to and from nuclear power plants. Shipments of radioactive materials to and from medical institutions, universities, industries and military bases are not monitored by the Office of Radiation Control. Hallisey speculated that a radioactive load coming through Monterey could contain radio-pharmaceuticals, industrial supplies or a lost driver trucking supplies to or waste from a power plant.

Trucks carrying nuclear material are prohibited from travelling on Interstate 90 by the Mass Turnpike Authority unless a bond is posted. Further, unless a permit is obtained 24 hours in advance, nuclear transport through Connecticut is off limits. Therefore truckers are forced to travel across Massachusetts on smaller roads. Concern was expressed by people in attendance about the dangers of trucking radioactive materials on winding, hilly (cont'd pg. 12)

OUR CHURCHES



CATHOLIC CHURCHES Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., at the Bralliers'. Meditation and prayer, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Lucy Smith.

Evangelism and Church Growth Seminar

A group is going from the Monterey Church to participate in a seminar on Church Growth and Evangelism to be held in Wilbraham on April 18. This is one of five such seminars being sponsored by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Small Church Convocation

The annual Massachusetts Small Church Convocation is being held this year at the Chafin Congregational Church in Holden, on Saturday, April 24. Dr. Virgil Brallier is on the Small Church Taskforce that planned the event. He is also scheduled to be one of the discussion leaders at the convocation. The convocation is featuring Douglas Walrath as principal speaker. He is a potato farmer in Maine, but also recognized as one of the leading national authorities on the life of the small church. A delegation from the Monterey Church is attending.

Berkshire Association Meets April 25

The Dalton Church is hosting the Spring Meeting of the Berkshire Association, to be held on Sunday, April 25, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The evening program will feature the Rev. James A. Smith, Jr., from the Council for Higher Education in the United Church of Christ. It is expected that the delegates from Monterey will be present as well as a number of guests.

Spring Clothing Drive

The Spring Clothing Drive under the sponsorship of Church World Service will be concluding in this area on April 25. Donations of clothing may be left at either the Church or Millie's filling station. Clothing being sought is light men's and women's garments. Good garments for children are also needed. Contributions from anyone in the community are welcomed in this effort to help supply clothing needs for people passing through catastrophic situations throughout the world.

Easter

Easter came today
along a path of
snow and bitter cold.

She pushed and shoved
against the back
of winter's slow retreat.

Buds, slightly swelled,
fought, silently, the
biting wind of death.

And so Christ rose . . .
(not with sweet scent
of daffodil)

But, bursting through
the ice of hell,
He conquered death
with blood and tears.
Then took the Crown . . .
His laughter melting
death's dark hold.

--Ruth S. Burkholder

This is being written between Good Friday and Easter--one day dark with tragedy, the other bright with hope--a dramatic play of opposites. Earlier this week I attended a Jewish Seder--again a play of opposites--as a free people remember the time when they were slaves and under severe oppression.

Have you ever wondered why it is that again and again we find ourselves caught in a play of opposites? Whichever way we turn we discover opposites at work. Something more than accident is at work. Indeed, once we start observing the way opposing poles of experience touch our lives at so many intersections it is hard to escape the belief that a powerful design is at work--even though the design is largely hidden from our sight.

Recently I was talking with a man who had been through a two-year "run of bad luck." The story included a bout with alcoholism, loss of a good job, family troubles, and the list goes on. Even his best efforts to change things seemed always to turn sour. He kept getting the feeling that life itself was against him. Now, without being quite sure of what was causing it, one thing after another was falling into place. He is in the process of setting up his own business. He is not out of the woods yet, but to his amazement, things he tries to do work for him. Yet a short while ago he couldn't seem to make anything work. Why? Why? Why? Why did "bad luck" dog his steps before? Why does "good luck" follow him around now?

Is he dealing with "luck"? Are these two opposite poles of his experience just happenstance? That is most unlikely. Without quite observing why or how it was happening this man has changed what I often refer to as his "positioning." Like so many of us, he was going through a process of change so gradually that he didn't see how dramatic was his shift of position. It is clear that he has brought himself to quite a different orientation. He is handling many things with a decidedly different touch from what he was doing two years ago. Yes, he is the same person he always was. Ah, but there is a secret. His attitude, his style, his approach has gone through a change. So that, no, he is not the same person he was.

And so this wild, crazy life of our goes on. We are thrown into this play between opposite poles in our experience. I often think of us as actors who have just come on the stage with a lot of action having taken place without our knowledge. The play out of the action continues to swirl on around us. We grasp at trying to find out what is going on. One thing we all share in common. We don't see too well, especially when we try to make sense of the current scene. Most of us have better vision as we look back over our shoulder. But the current scene is often confusing and we keep getting our signals mixed up.

This play of opposites in our lives is not dependent on any philosophical or religious system. It is simply the way life comes to us regardless of who we are. We are exposed daily to the alternation of darkness and light. Each of our personalities are formed around intricately combined patterns of weaknesses and strengths. Is there any person in all the world who does not experience "highs" sometimes and "lows" at other times? A bit of observation helps us see that these opposite poles of experience come in many different dimensions of life. It is in the nature of life itself; it is not dependent on the way we happen to believe.

So it is, in spite of us, this wild, crazy sequence of events we call our lives keeps throwing us back and forth between opposite poles of experience--and somehow in the process we learn something we didn't know before. And it might just be we would not let ourselves learn any other way.

If the divine-human drama that transpired between the tragedy of Good Friday and the joy of Easter has somehow become a source of healing in the human family, then maybe I can find the faith, and yes, the guts, not to be blown away by all the opposites that keep buffeting me about in the pilgrimage of my life.

Brownies

The Brownies were planning to go to Lois Ryder's this week to make Easter baskets. But the weather caused them to postpone it.

Cub Scouts

Susan Bynack came to talk to them about SCUBA diving.

They had the Pine Wood Derby, the whole Pack of 51. First prize for the fastest car went to Freddy Vorck, second prize went to Kenny Nicholson, and third went to Eric Callahan.

Last week the boys went on a scavenger hunt. The biggest problem was finding acorns.

4-H Horse Club

They plan on having a bake sale on Tuesday, April 20, at Adams Supermarket.

The horse show they have been planning with the Sheffield Whinnies has been made for June 12 and 13.

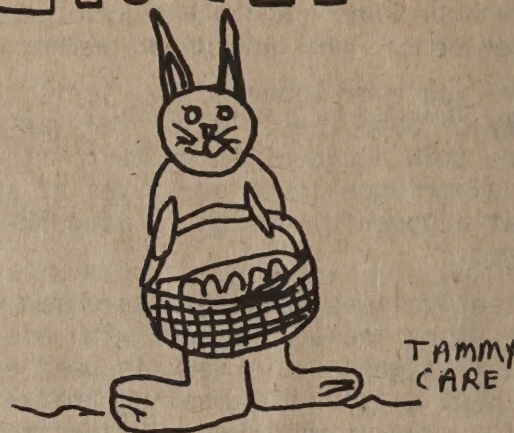
News from New Marlborough Central

On March 4, the teachers at the Monterey Kindergarten and the New Marlborough Central School were honored by the New Marlborough-Monterey P. T. A. Susan Andersen, Jeannot Heyman, Georgiana O'Connell, Jesse O'Hara, and Roberta Roy were all presented with flowers and a cake, baked and decorated by Jane Thorn, thanking them all for the good work they do with our children.

The children of New Marlborough school traveled to Mount Everett on March 19 to see the Sheffield PTO's Talent Show. The youngsters performed with a great deal of ability and poise and our students were delighted to be invited.

The fourth grade, under the direction of Roberta Roy, held a Tag Sale at the school to raise money for their class trip to the Sturbridge Village in June. They made \$222 on the sale and would like to thank all who helped in any way to make this venture such a success.

HAPPY
EASTER



YOUTH NEWS (continued)

An award ceremony was held on March 31. Paul Langer, Principal, presented prizes to some of the children who participated in the M. S. Read-a-thon this fall. The names of the prize winners were selected by random drawings and they are as follows: Darlene Bushey, stuffed dog; Leonard Bushey, book; Sean Storti, transistor radio; Tiffany Stephens, frisbee; Brinton Hodge and Kimberly Gillette, pens. All the children who participated in the M. S. Read-a-thon were awarded certificates.

In March the children of the Monterey Kindergarten and New Marlborough School all received books as a part of the Reading Is Fundamental program. With the help of Claudette Callahan, R. I. F. coordinator, and Fran Stevens, each child was able to choose a book to take home and enjoy.

The New Marlborough-Monterey P. T. A. will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 at New Marlborough School. Joseph Burkholder, Chairman of the School Committee, will address the group about the district's goals, and Harvey Thompson, a member of the New Marlborough Finance Committee, will explain the pros and cons of the upcoming vote to override Proposition 2½ in New Marlborough.

BOOKS IN THE BERKSHIRES

A Review of Little, Big, a book by John Crowley

Some of us, mortals rare and more ordinary, have long believed in other worlds. The evidence, though not entirely convincing, is quite impressive: young Alice's encounter with the tardy rabbit and Richard Dreyfuss' more recent encounter of the third kind are but two of the many reports that reach us daily. These other worlds and their inhabitants are variously said to lie above us, below us, within us and without. The geography is hazy, of course.

John Crowley, a writer who dwells among these Berkshire Hills, fearing legal action I'm sure, claims his Little, Big to be a novel. It is, I'm convinced, one of the great reports of the state of the world. Our world, their world, the world we share.

Little, Big is both the story of Smoky Barnable and Daily Alice, and their deep though confusing love, and the story of Us and Them, Humankind and Fairykind. Smoky, like many of us, was born and has lived anonymously with anonymous relatives, their anonymous dogs, in a string of anonymous suburbs. He may very well have died anonymously but for the chance or fateful encounter with Daily Alice Drinkwater. He was from that moment on cured of anonymity and stricken with love and exclusion. For it seems that most of the Drinkwaters, born of the union of John Drinkwater and Violet Bramble, were and are privy to contact with the other people. The family tree branches out to include the Clouds, the Mouses, Birds, Flowers, Stones, the Lakes, Woods and Weeds.

On their wedding night in Edgewood, Alice offers Smoky her childhood because he never really had one. It is a gift of great faith, of deep belief in The Tale, a gift not without its attendant grave consequences and responsibilities.

Smoky Barnable is like so many of us. Like John Drinkwater who first married into the mess, and tried as hard as any to understand. Like Auberon Drinkwater, Violet's illegitimate son. Like Smoky's own son, the young Auberon. And as Smoky Barnable explains to Mr. Woods: "I couldn't take the gift. You see . . .

when she was young she believed in fairies. The whole family did. I never did. I think they still do. Now that's crazy. How could I believe in that? I wanted to--that is, I wanted to have believed in them, and seen them, but if I never did--if the thought never occurred to me--how can I take her gift?"

Little, Big then is a book for everybody. It is a book for believers, non-believers, and the many of you still hedging your bets. So don't get the wrong idea. This is not just a fairy tale. It's a people tale as well. It's a story of love, sad and sweet; of our cities and countryside and what we've done to both this past century. Of destiny and free will, and the powers and limits of dreaming. It's about the Noisy Bridge Rod and Gun Club and President Russell Eigenblick who have managed to mismanage the affairs of state in much the same way our own Republican bankers and Democratic bureaucrats have bungled ours. It's about how things change, how people and places age.

Little, Big is a travel book. It will take you from Here to There, from Somewhere to Elsewhere, from Beginning to End and back to Beginning. It is a most marvelous book. I intend to take it with me Anywhere and Everywhere, and to keep it close at Home. It is a book people will read to people for years to come. It is a book the Fairies have already read.

-- Mickey Friedman
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Monterey
528-9200

--Mickey Friedman has taught writing and literature. Now, like Daily Alice's father, John Storm Drinkwater, "he writes animal stories, for children."

--John Crowley of Lenox more often than not can be found playing softball in the pickup games in Monterey's Greene Park in the summertime.

Berkshire Off the Trail

Berkshire Off the Trail is a new local history book written and published by Bernard A. Drew of Great Barrington.

The 96-page book, Mr. Drew says, picks up where most local historians leave off, in exploring undiscovered or overlooked aspects of county history. The book gives special emphasis to industry, transportation and entertainment. It features 94 articles and contains 186 photographs, maps and illustrations.

Most of the pieces in the book previously appeared in local publications.

The book is intended to give not a complete history of the county but an alternate one, he says, celebrating the inventiveness, enterprise, common sense, wit and charm of the region's inhabitants past and present.

The author has been managing editor of The Berkshire Courier since December 1981.

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Tree Warden Report

The gypsy moth invasion will strike Monterey again this summer. Western areas hit hard last year may see a reduction in defoliation while eastern parts of town may have an increase. Changes in area moth populations are common throughout the state.

Last year we saw a near total second leafing and felt relieved that our trees were healthy. In fact, a tremendous amount of the trees' food reserves were used up in putting out new leaves. This weakens the trees' resistance to disease. Therefore, it is very important to feed the trees you must care for early this spring.

I see no reason not to spray trees if proper precautions are taken, and you and the applicator fully understand the pesticide being used. Another method of control being used is aluminum foil coated with a sticky substance. Oil is commonly used. However, this runs off the foil onto the tree when the temperature gets high. This oil invades the bark to the growing cells (cambium layer) of the tree, producing a girdling effect which could kill the tree. Burlap wrapped around the tree is an excellent method of trapping the moving caterpillars. Caterpillars must be removed daily.

On Wednesday, April 28, following the Community Dinner at the church, there will be a naturalist from Pleasant Valley Sanctuary giving a slide presentation on the gypsy moth problem. All concerned townspeople are urged to come.

-- Roger Tryon



photo by Tony Reed

Fire Company News

Groundbreaking for the new firehouse took place on Monday, April 5, as William Napolitano and George Bagnaschi of Lee National Bank presented Chief Tryon with a symbolic plywood check for \$100,000. We turned a few shovelsful of dirt, got the photos over with, and were all set to dig the foundation when winter popped up again with a real vengeance. The hole will be dug as soon as the weather acts a little more seasonal.

On Wednesday, April 7, we held our annual business meeting. Officers of the Monterey Fire Co., Ltd. (our corporate title) for the coming year are Ray Tryon, President; Pete Brown, Secretary; Maynard Forbes, Treasurer. The board of directors consists of these officers, as well as Peter Murkett, Tony Reed, Bob Stevens, Leigh Tryon, and Donald Whitbeck. Fire Department (our municipal title, fire-fighting name) officers are Ray Tryon, Chief; Leigh Tryon, Assistant Chief; Pete Brown and Bob Stevens, Captains. Three new positions, one lieutenant for training, a lieutenant for emergency medical assistance, and a chief engineer, will be filled presently.

We continue to acquire building materials. Gould Farm has donated five large old straight-stemmed white pines for wainscot and trim in the new firehouse. They will make some nice wide clear pine boards for the job. Art Hastedt offered his time, experience, and equipment in felling the trees and skidding the logs out. Charles Wyman will saw them up. The spruce trees donated by Millie Walsh have been sawed into 3,300 board feet of 2x4, 2x6, and 2x10 by Marty Clark, from Housatonic.

From an earlier edition of the News, you will remember the Economic Recovery Tax Act, which was instrumental in getting us a good rate on our mortgage with Lee National Bank. The Act allows tax credits to institutions making loans to fire companies. The current law also has a provision which allows one business to purchase the depreciable equipment assets of another, then lease the equipment back. A bill sponsored by New York Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (#S2201) would allow fire companies, which own an average nationwide of \$500,000 in depreciable equipment assets, to take advantage of these tax leasing provisions. The Fire Company has sent letters to Finance Committee Senators encouraging passage of the bill, due to be voted on about mid-April. Anyone else inspired to do likewise can get a list of Senators' names from Ray. If this bill becomes law it will give a real boost to Fire Company fund-raising capability. Meanwhile, generous donations to the building fund continue to come in. We appreciate your support, and hope those who haven't given yet will do so soon. Our success depends on everyone.

Town Treasurer's Public Notice

A proposed use hearing for federal revenue sharing funds will be held Monday, April 26, 1982, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office.

Citizens attending the Public Hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and suggestions as to possible uses for the \$18,356 which the Town of Monterey has available from Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983.

Board of Selectmen

The summer hours for the Monterey Sanitary Landfill will begin Sunday, April 25, 1982, as follows:

Wednesday:	7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday:	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monterey Council on Aging

As always, our council works closely with the Southern Berkshire Regional Councils on Aging, of which we are a member. The request we submitted to the Department of Elder Affairs last year for a grant to establish a larger Senior Center in Great Barrington has been approved for a sum of \$300,000. Plans have already been drawn up for this building which will be located adjacent to the Elder Housing on South Main Street in Great Barrington. The land was donated to us by the Town of Great Barrington. Ground will be broken on April 5 for this building. With this larger facility we shall be able to provide more activities for our Elders, such as arts and crafts, game room, pool table, physical fitness program, hot lunch site, blood pressure clinic, etc. Social Security and Home Care will have office space there too, to serve our Elderly more conveniently.

We are also happy to report that our Council received a grant of \$250 from the Department of Elder Affairs to supplement our budget. This came as a great help since we have been cut back drastically on funds by other government agencies.

-- Alfred W. Molle,
Chairman

Assessors Report

The Assessors will recommend at the May Town Meeting that voters approve 1981 as base year rather than 1979, as in the past. A revision to Proposition 2½ allows a town to choose between the two years according to whichever one works best with present tax needs. Towns are allowed to go up to 2½% a year from the base year in tax levies. Monterey's levy was larger in 1981 than in 1979.

The tax bills will be late coming out this spring. A bill is payable within 30 days from the date of issue, not from April 1 as originally implied.

Assessors from Blandford were sent to Monterey on the advice of the state to study our Assessors' methods of classification and assessment. Members of the Blandford group said that, according to the state, our Assessors are doing a "bang-up job."



THE OLD HOUSES

In the spring of 1739 the first colonists came to what is now known as Monterey. They built crude shelters and log cabins until the Brewer mill was able to provide boards and building materials. The houses erected in the 1740s and 1750s were generally built around a huge central chimney providing fireplaces for cooking and heating.

We are fortunate in having a number of these old houses still in Monterey. Some have been altered beyond recognition while others have been restored and modernized for more comfortable living.

As you ride around town, do look carefully at the houses. Have you noticed the meat hook on which deer were hung beside the front door of the Brewer house, now belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Makuc? Or have you seen the beautiful detail of the entrance of Mrs. Phillips' home? Do you know the location of Monterey's brick house? And have you noticed the great chimneys at Deepwood Manse, the Pearsons' home and the old Garfield place? The back roads to New Marlboro or the top of Chestnut Hill have many others.

--Sally Fijux

Young woman (no pets, no children)
seeking 2 bedroom apartment or small
house to rent year round in Monterey.
Dara Jenssen. 528-4885 or 528-0365.

Planning Board

The Planning Board has decided to hold another public hearing on the proposed Zoning Bylaw revision, because so many changes have been incorporated into the proposal since the previous hearing. The hearing will be scheduled for a Thursday evening in early May, and the date will be announced in the local papers and on the local bulletin boards. We look forward to seeing you there.

-- Joe Baker

The New York Times

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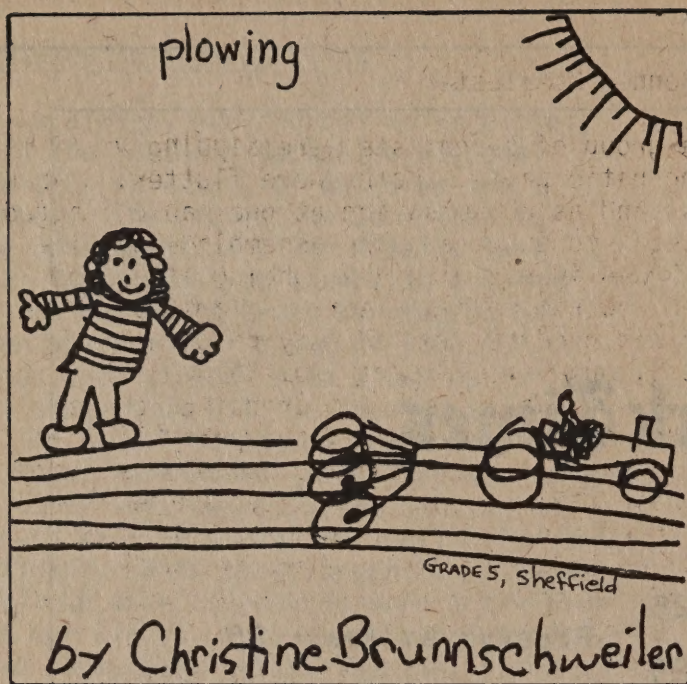
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Summer to come.

Janet Thieriot
Grade 6

Some Early Spring Considerations

Spring management of pastures is very important for good summer production. If you put your animals out on a pasture too early, the grasses get munched off before they have a chance to grow, resulting in a severely weakened root system. By allowing the top growth to reach a height of 4" to 5" before putting your animals out, you help insure a well developed feeding system underground which will result in a much more vigorous, fast-growing, drought-resistant pasture.

I've noticed that the pesticide manufacturers are beginning to remind us that it is time to start worrying about the gypsy moth caterpillars. As you are deciding what action, if any, you are going to take please consider the widely available natural insecticide Bacillus thuringiensis, which is sold under the trade names Dipel, Biotrol and Thuricide, to name a few. It affects only soft-bodied worms that are eating the specific plant you spray. It is totally harmless to people, bees, earthworms, birds, fish, etc. It does not kill caterpillars on contact; the caterpillar has to eat a small bit of treated foliage since the Bacillus thuringiensis works only on the caterpillar stomach. It is very dependable and is also useful in the garden to control cabbage worms, loopers, hornworms, and, if carefully applied at the proper time, corn ear worms.

A HANDLE ON THE BIG DIPPER

In April the Big Dipper is riding high in the evening sky, with his handle curving east and south. If you follow the curve of the handle you come to a bright reddish star, Arcturus in Bootes, the Herdsman. When Arcturus is in the evening sky spring has arrived. A straight line drawn in the same direction from Arcturus leads to Spica in Virgo, one of the Zodiac signs. "Follow the arc to Arcturus and drive a spike to Spica."

But look, there are several bright objects in the south-southeastern sky! Spica, a bright blue, twinkling star, is the crown jewel of Virgo, the lady who has a string of suitors in 1982. These are the planets. Above Spica is Saturn, not very bright but with a steady, nontwinkling light like all planets. Still higher in the sky, along the ecliptic, is red Mars, brighter than usual, but rapidly fading. A couple of hours after sunset Jupiter, the brightest of the three, will rise and outshine his planetary brothers.

And if you get up very early to go fishing, you will see the planet Venus rising, while the other three are getting ready to set in the west.

-- Loul McIntosh

Bats by Bonner McAllester

Once a group of scientists were sipping wine at an evening patio party. Moths were fluttering about the lamps, and as conversation at one table flagged, someone began to entertain the assemblage by dipping his finger in his wine and rubbing it around and around the rim of his glass. A familiar ringing music was produced, which many of us have experienced, but at this party something else happened, too. The moths began dropping to the ground like stones. Presumably the party livened up at this point as these men and women of science applied their training and curiosity to the plumping moth problem. Their ultimate discovery was one which led directly to a greater understanding of one of our most common but least understood nocturnal mammalian cousins, the bat.

Bats hunt by night, but instead of a tapetum lucidum for better night vision they have evolved an elaborate high frequency sonar or echo-location system. Moths are common prey for hunting bats, and they in turn have developed a sonar-evading technique: as soon as a moth hears a hunting bat's high frequency squeak, it automatically drops to the ground where it can't be detected. It was this response which thrilled the scientific lawn party. The ringing wine glass coincidentally gave off a sound just like a bat squeak which, though inaudible to the people, caused the moths to dive for safety.

The bats comprise the order Chiroptera, which means "winged hand." They have a typical mammalian skeleton with a few significant modifications for flight. Their forelimbs are proportionately quite long and a leathery membrane connects the fingers, elbows, shoulders, hind legs, and tail to form the bat's large efficient wings. Bats are so adapted to flying that they can't walk. They are experts at aerobatics but on the ground they can only hitch themselves along by the elbows.

Our most common bat, the Little Brown Bat, is characterized by swift erratic flight. This is the bat most often seen at twilight, twisting and turning as it hunts, and flying low over brooks and ponds to skim a drink from the surface. Some bats are fish-eaters and can catch small minnows with their sharp hind claws, or even with their volar membrane, which is a scoop-like part of the wing connecting the hind legs and the tail. Our Little Brown Bat uses this tail scoop to catch insects in mid-air and must then double up to eat on the wing. Little Brown Bats stay in this area all year 'round, going into true deep hibernation during the winter. Mating occurs in the fall, but ovulation and fertilization are delayed until the first warm days of spring when the females begin to stir about. Most small mammals have large litters, but these bats are unusual in that each female has only one baby. She carries her young with her during all of her night flying until the baby is three or four weeks old and can fly and hunt on its own. By day, bats hang upside down in caves, barns, belfries, or in some cases in the branches of trees. They are physiologically adapted for spending much of their lives upside down: The valves in their blood vessels are arranged backwards and their toes and knees bend backwards for a good hanging grip.

The Chinese consider bats to be symbols of long life and happiness, but in this part of the world they are associated with witchcraft and the mysteries of darkness. There is no truth to the belief that bats will fly into a person's long hair, and although they do occasionally carry rabies, this is no more common in bats than in other wild mammals. When we see the Little Brown Bats zipping about on a summer evening, each one consuming 5,000 gnat-sized insects in an hour, it should be easy to remember that this little Halloween logo is our friend.

Radioactive transport (continued from p.1)

roads through concentrated population centers. Hallisey agreed that the Mass Pike is the "most logical" route for nuclear transport. A preferred routing system being worked out in Washington, D.C. may by early summer attempt to codify what is now an arbitrary and unsatisfactory system left to local transfer companies with loose enforcement by such agencies as Radiation Control, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Meanwhile, 182 cities, states and counties in the U.S. including 4 in Massachusetts have passed ordinances to ban nuclear transport through their territories.

A Nuclear Incident Advisory Team (NAT), members of which are situated in all parts of the Commonwealth, is available to be consulted in the case of any nuclear emergency.

Several of the townspeople present for Hallisey's appearance on Friday decided to attend the Selectman's weekly meeting, Monday April 19 to discuss policy for the Town of Monterey on the issue.

Hallisey agreed that his office will send in writing answers to all of the questions asked on Friday afternoon, including several concerning the regulations under which he operates, what programs are in effect to enforce regulation of nuclear transport, the emergency capabilities of the state in the event of an accident, and the types of loads (levels of radiation) which might be coming through Monterey.



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LOCAL LORE (continued)

Indian Notes

"Our ancestor's Government was a Democratical. They had a Wigowau, or Chief Sachem . . . chosen by the nation . . . and rendered him obedience as long as he behaved himself agreeably. . . . And this office was hereditary by the lineage of a female's offspring, but not on man's line but on woman's part." So wrote Cap't. Aupaumut, the Mahican historian.

The Mahicans were divided into three clans named for the Bear, the Wolf, and the Turtle. A Sachem was traditionally chosen from the Bear clan and was usually the most able maternal nephew of a former Sachem. He was advised by a group of Counselors, a War Leader, an Owl to make announcements, and a Runner to carry messages. The Sachem kept a Bag of Peace woven in intricate patterns from the tough bark fiber of marsh milkweed. It held strings and belts of wampum, tubular beads made of the thick shell of the quohaug clam from the ocean. As money, white beads had half the value of the rare purple ones; wampum served as exchange among Indians and whites alike in the 17th and 18th centuries. The value was at one time a penny for six white beads but depreciated when the Dutch established wampum factories.

The design in wampum belts served as a reminder and ratification of inter-tribal agreements; a message or treaty made without wampum was said to be "an empty word." An historian was appointed to remember the meaning of the various wampum belts in the Sachem's custody, and these were reviewed annually with the Counselors.

It is interesting to note that the Mahicans were the leaders of a confederacy that extended to the Delawares, the Shawnees, and even the Miami Indians as far west as Ohio. This leadership was located at the Stockbridge settlement, probably in the person of Lieutenant Umpachene, in the latter part of the 18th century.

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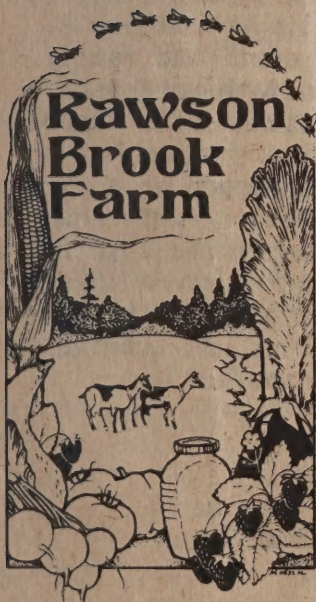
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PERSONALS

Colin Carmichael Richardson, the son of William Lee and Lea Carmichael Richardson, was baptized in a ceremony held at the Richardson home in Somers, New York, on April 3. On the Sunday immediately following, April 4, the parents, Colin and others of the family were in attendance at the morning worship and the baptism was recognized by the larger church family. The godparents are Linda Blake Richardson and Martin Carmichael, III.

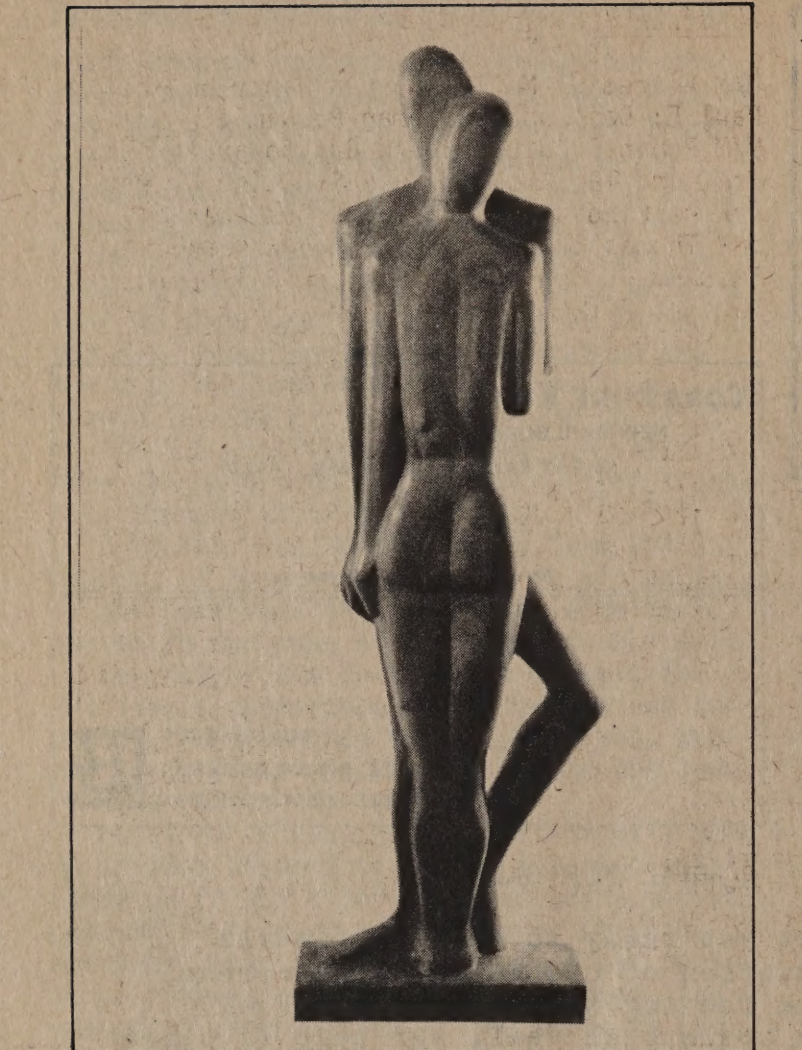
PERSONALS

Sherri Burkholder, 16, a sophomore at Mount Everett Regional School, will participate in the All-State Band the weekend of April 16 to 18 at Hyannis. She is being sponsored by the Great Barrington Lions Club.

PERSONALS

Sarah Bingham Conklin, a nutritionist, has become affiliated with Dr. Steven A. Myers of Lenox, a board certified family practitioner and an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine.

Ms. Conklin is also employed as a nutritionist for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program under the auspices of the Children's Health Program in Great Barrington, teaches nutrition at the Bonnie Prudden School in Lenox and has a private nutrition consulting business.



Fred Lancome's wood sculpture "Printemps" was recently acquired by the New-Britain Museum in Connecticut for their permanent collection.

WOMEN'S SERVICE CENTER

Competent mothers are increasingly losing custody of their children upon divorce. Ann W. Vedder, Counselor at the Women's Center of Berkshire County, Inc., reports that the Center is aware of and very concerned with this trend, and as a result is forming a branch of a national organization, called the Committee for Mother & Child Rights, to help mothers with custody problems.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about the Committee for Mother & Child Rights, even if they do not have custody problems themselves but can see the larger significance of this issue for women, should get in touch with Ann Vedder at the Women's Center of Berkshire County, Inc.

Disarmament Rally June 12

On June 12, in New York City, a massive demonstration for nuclear disarmament will be held. Up to a million people are expected. The demonstration will coincide with the Second Special Session on Disarmament at the United Nations which will be occurring throughout June.

There are buses leaving from Great Barrington through People for Peace. Call 229-3457. Or, if we have enough people from Monterey, we can rent our own bus. Please call 528-4187 (Bernie Kleban), or 528-2074 (Margaret White) for more information and as soon as possible so we can rent a bus from Monterey.

--Dede Cummings

MUSIC AND DANCE BY LOCAL MUSICIANS

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--Saturday, May 8, Sheffield Grange, Joe Baker calling, for beginners, children welcome; 8:00 p.m.

Hootenanny:

--Saturday, May 1, Sheffield Grange, performers and listeners welcome; hosted this month by John Sellow; 8:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 20--Film: Hud (1962), with Paul Newman and Patricia Neal, at the Berkshire Athenaeum, 7:30 p.m. (free)

April 25--Films: Investigation of a Citizen . . . Above Suspicion and Batman, at Simon's Rock, 7:00 p.m. (adults, \$1.00; children, \$.50)

April 27--Dance: "American Dance: Modern & Jazz," Olga Dunn Dance Company, at the Berkshire Athenaeum, 7:30 p.m. (free)

April 30--Films: Kind Hearts and Coronets and Time after Time, at Simon's Rock, 8:00 p.m. (adults, \$1.00; children, \$.50) (May 2, 7:00 p.m.)

May 2 --Films: See April 30 listing.

May 4 --Film: Broken Blossoms (1919), with Lillian Gish - D. W. Griffith, Director, at the Berkshire Athenaeum, 7:30 p.m. (free)

May 7&9 --Films: The Battle of Chile, Parts I & II, and Wizards, at Simon's Rock, 8:00 p.m. (May 7) and 7:00 p.m. (May 9) (adults, \$1.00; children, \$.50)

May 11 --Music: Flute and cello recital; Jayn Rosenfeld, flute; Peter Rosenfeld, cello; at the Berkshire Athenaeum, 7:30 p.m. (free)

May 14&16--Films: Pather Panchali and The Candidate, at Simon's Rock, 8:00 p.m. (May 14) and 7:00 p.m. (May 16) (adults, \$1.00; children, \$.50)

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COMMENTS

We certainly enjoy the News.

Having just returned from California after 3½ months, all back numbers brought us up to date.

Thanks for sending me the Monterey News. Please keep it coming.

Keeps us in touch. Thanks. Good paper.

And More Comments

I enjoy reading the News. Please don't make it a thick cumbersome paper to be discarded. It is already getting thick!..I read the Monterey News from first to last. The new format is easier to read. It is important for me to keep in touch with my home town...We are extremely pleased with the new format and (always) excellent content...I wish to commend you on your publication and recent improvements...I do miss Monterey and all my friends there. I hope to come back and visit soon... Great! Love the format and newsy articles and informative articles--especially Bonner's...Enjoy the news. You do a great job...Great. Sure wish I was back in Monterey. Hi! Everyone...I liken it to "receiving a letter from home"...Excellent reading material...Keep up the good work...It's a wonderful paper...I like the new format very much. It would be interesting to know what impact the President's new economic plan has had on Monterey and So. Berkshires... Did we have any federal funds that we've lost; any programs in the area affected; have individuals been affected by reduction in entitlement levels?...It's a great way to learn about Monterey...Keep up the terrific work. I have no criticisms... It's better each issue and we look forward to seeing it each month...Monterey News is much improved!

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